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Missionary Blalock Writes.

The following interesting letter from Missionary Blalock has just been received by Mr. George Sherrill, which, as requested, he sends us for publication:

DEAR BROTHER SHERRILL:—It has been some time since I wrote you or the Beaver Dam church, and now the end of the year is near when we hope to get off a general letter to all our churches and friends. But I will write a short letter now and you can have it published in your county paper, if you like, and the editor is willing.

We have just closed one of the most interesting Bible classes we have ever held. The attendance was above the average and the interest good throughout the entire two weeks. Our next class is to convene about the 20th of February of next year, 1916. These Bible classes are very important, for our newly-received converts know but little of their Bibles, and in order to be able to stand alone and combat the many enemies of the truth, they need above all else to be armed with the Word of God which is the sword of the spirit. This time we studied First Corinthians and James. It was interesting to note in the study of First Corinthians how very much alike the troubles of the Corinthian church and our recent ones here have been, the difference being that those in Corinth were caused by new converts from rank heathenism who were not yet well established in the truth, while the recent troubles among us were caused and are still being fomented by missionaries who set themselves up as spiritual superiors and have come to this land as missionaries and leaders of new converts.

There is nothing in the entire epistle of First Corinthians which Paul condemns in the way of schisms and flagrant sins among the church members that is worse than what has been done or is being done by this defunct Pentecostal faction here in Tai An Fu. And one sad thing about it all is, that by their pious letters and spurious reports of miracles performed among the Chinese, good people at home are being led astray by them.

I have had but little time at home this Autumn—have been traveling and preaching over a large section of country and have been enabled to baptize many converts. Though I have had more of our own towns to preach to than I could reach I have had to visit some of the places where our work and the Board work are overlapping and hold special meetings for some of their evangelists and baptize native converts. This work of the Board in this region is carried on by the Shantung Baptist Chinese Association and is supported by the Chinese Churches of East Shantung. It is largely a self support work such as our Gospel Mission has been laboring for ever since we came to China. So in helping these Chinese brethren I am glad to feel that I am helping in an effort at self support and Baptist Church independence. But their demands and intreaties for me to help them are bringing a burden upon me greater than human flesh can bear. They will need to send missionaries to look after this growing work of the Baptist Shantung Native Association, for my own work is entirely beyond my power of endurance and limitations of time. But notwithstanding this, of all years of my missionary life in China has been the hardest, (made so by the Tongues movement entering our mission) I am glad to say I have been enabled

A Tribute to a Little Child.

In this mortal tillage God cultivates many flowers seemingly for their beauty and fragrance, for, when bathed in soft sunshine, they burst into flower, then the Divine hand gathers them from the earthly fields to be kept in crystal vases in the deathless mansions above.

Thus the little children die, some in the sweet bud, some in the fuller flower but never too early to make heaven fairer and sweeter with their immortal bloom.

When the Death Angel took from their home on Jan. 23, little Edna E. Bingham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Bingham, of Patterson, her short life's work was done, she being only seven years, four months and fourteen days old. All who knew her loved her, and life is better, richer even in this hour of bereavement than it was, and we thank God for the light which He kindled and burned with so pure a flame and taught so sweet a lesson. Her earthly ministry was well done, she has helped sanctify and lift heavenward our hearts that break at the sad words, "Farewell Edna." She is not dead, the child of our affection, but she has gone to that school where she no longer needs our protection and Christ himself doth rule. There is a pair of little hands laid to rest forever more, there are two dimpled cheeks whose rich blossoming is o'er. Death has sealed her little eyes that will no more smile or weep—tiny windows of the soul. Little Edna is only sleeping.

W. R. CLOER.

Patterson, N. C.

Observe the Warning.

A cold that promises to hang on all winter is to be dreaded. Prompt action should be taken at the first warning of a cold—sneezing, chilliness, slight shivering. Foley Honey and Tar makes quick work of coughs, colds and croup. It clears air passages stops coughing eases difficult breathing. M. B. Blackburn

Go on in simplicity; do not be so anxious to win a quiet mind, and it will be all the quieter.—Francis de Sales.

to baptize double the number of converts of any previous year and have had many tokens of God's approvals and blessings. This is true in spite of the fact that these seven missionaries in their schismatic Pentecostal Tongues Movement have done all in their power to create divisions and bring ruin to our Baptist work here. Their conduct, views and practices taken altogether make up of the biggest fraud I have ever heard of being palmed off on the public in the name of mission work. Notwithstanding this they claim to be filled with the Holy Spirit and work wonderful miracles on the ladies of the Chinese. They never seem to be able to build up a work of their own, but depend for their success upon tearing down and leading astray the work of other missions. Just now they are leaving their own work when there are dozens of towns untouched by the Gospel and going miles across the country to a town where we have a most prosperous work, for the sole purpose of creating division and leading our Christians astray if possible. It is my purpose to start to this town day after tomorrow for a protracted meeting. I am planning to be out at this and other towns in our work till Christmas. Continue to pray for us.

Yours Fraternally,

T. L. BLALOCK.

Tai An Fu Shantung, China.

The Preparedness Campaign.

New York Commercial.

President Wilson's speaking tour of the Middle West will arouse interest in his plans for national defense in a section of the country that has displayed strange indifference to this vital question, Bryan and Roosevelt may follow him. Between the two extremists, the President's modest recommendations are likely to commend themselves to the common sense of the whole country. Publicity will help reasonable preparedness. We must neither be too cock-sure of our safety nor fall into a blue funk and waste billions on a big army and navy that we cannot need for defense.

Congress is reasonably sure to do something in spite of Mr. Bryan's pacificism. The danger is that Congress will stick to its fleshpots, the pork barrel, and grant money to the forty-eight states of the Union to be spent by them at their sweet will on State militia or national guards. Most of the money would be wasted and the country would have nothing that could be called an army. The Federal government has no authority to call out State troops or to order them to any point after they are mobilized, and Congress cannot confer or assume such powers until the Constitution is changed. The Federal government could not rely solely on a call for volunteers, though that worked well in the war with Spain as far as the number of enlistments was concerned. If the individual States are to be subsidized by Congress to keep up military organizations we will have an army with forty-eight bosses whose petty jealousies could not be assuaged before a modern war would be over. Each state would have to decide for itself whether it wanted war, before it sent its soldiers out to defend the country and the flag. Suppose Congress declared war on the Teutonic powers, would all the states approve and call on their militiamen to volunteer under Federal control? The United States had little when the Civil War broke out and would not be much better off now. Let us forget; had a veteran army from Europe faced the Union troops at the first battle of Bull Run, instead of raw levies, little if any better drilled than the defenders of the capital of this country, the enemy would have occupied Washington before nightfall; and every regular army officer in this country will say so. The Confederates did not take Washington that day because they were as disorganized as their foes and lacked initiative.

We do not need a vast army but we must have an efficient one and behind it we must have a reserve adequate for defense for a few weeks with the machinery for recruiting and equipping whatever forces may be needed to prosecute any war to a successful conclusion. This is President Wilson's plan. He does not pose as an authority on military and naval affairs, and experts can no doubt suggest improvements, but he is right in his main idea that the United States must have better defenses and that they must be under Federal control.

Strong and well as Ever.

Fred Smith Green Bay, Wis. says: Foley Kidney Pills completely relieved me of all soreness and pain in the back and am now strong and well as ever. Cold weather makes aching joints sore muscles and irregular bladder action more unbearable. Foley Kidney Pills help the kidneys eliminate pain causing poisons. M. B. Blackburn

Doughton Objects to Revenue Stamps.

Washington Dispatch 25.

Rep. Robert L. Doughton wrote Chairman Claude Kitchin of the Ways and Means Committee today saying that he would oppose any revenue measures carrying the stamp provision of the present law. He described it as an "odious vexation and burdensome," and said the people whom he represents are tired of it and want it repealed. Mr. Doughton believes it possible to raise some of the necessary revenue by an increase in the income tax.

His letter to Mr. Kitchin follows: "The question of a revenue bill is now under consideration by your committee. I trust you will not consider it presumptuous on my part to offer a few suggestions.

"In the last congress, owing to the great falling off in customs, caused by the European war, the Ways and Means Committee brought in a bill levying an excise or special stamp tax on certain articles, such as deeds, notes, telegraph and telephone messages, medicines, etc. This bill was passed as an emergency measure and with the understanding that it was not to continue.

"When the present Congress met it was found necessary to continue the same measure temporarily, but now, in finding a general revenue measure I trust your committee will see both the wisdom and the justice of providing for the repeal of this portion of the present law, levying these special stamp taxes. This law is odious, vexatious and burdensome, and the people whom I represent are weary under it and want it repealed.

"While I am anxious at all times to be found in line with our party, I must say that I will not again under any circumstances support a measure carrying the stamp provision of the present law, believing as I do, with my whole heart, that it is wrong. If additional taxes must be levied it can be done, in my judgment, in some manner less burdensome and objectionable than by continuing the present system of stamp taxes and I trust your committee will take this view of the matter."

Down and Out.

The bum comes trembling to our door, he's starved and cold and weak and sore. Through whiskers full of snow and ice, he humbly begs you for the price. No doubt he is a lazy skate who never tries to pay the freight; no doubt he loaf on summer days, when every busy farmer pays a handsome wage to those who'll toil, and push the plowshare through the soil. No doubt he is a chronic shirk, who has it in for honest work. No doubt the kopeck you bestow will to the grog dispenser go. Yet loosen up nor ask the bo if rum had brought him down so low. And can't the helpful moral spiel that you have wound upon your reel, all suffering to be unwound; for snow is deep upon the ground, and bitter is the winter air, and hungry means a bleak despair. Jack up the beggar man in May, if he won't help to put up hay; but when he teeter to your doors, to touch you for a dime or more, upon a wintry morn, dig up, dig up; nor point with scorn.—Walt Mason in Winston-Salem Journal.

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Jackson and Lee.

We are glad the time has come when everywhere in the United States the names of these great heroes of a cause that was lost are honored and revered. Each of them was first and foremost a Christian, and what they did was based on the greater fact of what they were. Robert E. Lee is all but universally acknowledged by friend and former foe, and by people at home and across the sea, to be the foremost military genius of America. Stonewall Jackson as a fighter occupies a position all his own and he has no rival in the annals of American warfare. It is a rather unique incident that the birthday of Jackson is the 21st and of Lee the 19th of January. It is altogether appropriate and proper that our people should have assembled, on some day selected last week, to do honor to the memory of these great sons of the South. Taller and taller they grow in the estimation of the world as the years come and go; and we have already said, their moral grandeur overtops their military achievements. Lee although a matchless general, was the gentlest of men. His heart was as soft and tender as a woman's, and his beautiful character was without a blemish. Washington had his faults. He was a man of high temper, and it is also said of him that he was none too scrupulous in his financial dealings with his fellows. But Lee was wholly free from the personal faults and foibles that so often spoil an otherwise high character. He was a guileless, transparent, generous, high-minded and always open, honorable and true! He lived in times of peace or in the storm of war above suspicion or reproach. He not only professed religion—he lived it, and died at peace with God and man. Stonewall Jackson, the turbulent and terrific warrior was a man of the deepest spiritual power. He asked and received direction and wisdom from on high. Not so gentle, so cultured or with the fine special qualities that marked Robert E. Lee, Jackson was the Elijah of the Southern Confederacy, feared not the face of man, but was a humble, trusting, faithful follower of the Lord! May we not take off our hats and bow in humble reverence today, that the Lord graciously gave the South two men so completely good and so gloriously great?—Charity and Children.

Caldwell Lady Dies in Washington

Tacoma Tribune.

The sudden death of Mrs. Virginia Sherrill Tuesday night was of immeasurable grief to her family and friends. An attack of grippe was followed by pneumonia and, though she made a brave fight, she succumbed at a local hospital. She was spoken of as a lovely Christian mother and much loved by her friends. She leaves, besides her husband, three little boys, James, William and Kenneth, aged 4, 11 and 13 years, respectively. Joseph Sherrill is manager of Sheldon's cafeteria. The family has lived in Tacoma 10 years. Mrs. Sherrill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Moore, reside at Globe, N. C. She also leaves five brothers and two sisters.

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